

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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**STATEMENT OF THE SUBSTANCE  
OF A TELEPHONIC INTERVIEW**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

As required in the Interview Summary for the above mentioned case mailed December 22, 2006, a statement of the substance of a telephonic interview is provided below.

A telephonic interview was held in the above mentioned case on November 30, 2006. In attendance were Examiner Jehanne S. Sitton, representing the United States Patent Office; and Jay Zhang, representing the Applicant.

Under discussion were the proposed amendments filed by Applicants on October 26, 2006 in response to a Final Office Action (which was mailed July 26, 2006) and the patentability of all pending claims. Entry of the proposed amendments had been requested upon filing, but was refused in an Advisory Action mailed November 22, 2006. Also under discussion were the Examiner's reasons for refusing entry of the amendments.

Tentative agreement was reached on a new set of claim amendments suggested by the Examiner during the interview. The Examiner subsequently provided written examples of claims containing the agreed upon amendments in a facsimile sent December 1, 2006,

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and these written examples were used as the foundation of a further amendment, filed by Applicants on December 21, 2006.

It is believed that no fees are due with this response; if this is incorrect the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any deficiency or credit any over payment to Deposit Account No. **50-1627**.

Respectfully submitted,

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